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Serial Number: 09/203,375  
Group Art Unit: 2664  
Examiner: Brenda H. Pham  
Title: FLOW CONTROL OF DATA UNITS ACROSS A  
BUS BRIDGE AND INTER-BUS  
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM EMPLOYING SAME  
Filing Date: December 2, 1998  
Inventors: Norbert Wegner; Peter Arkadjevich Bliznyuk-Kvitko  
Agent's ref: 81395-72

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January 10, 2003

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a), Applicant hereby petitions for the Commissioner to withdraw the holding of abandonment set forth in the Notice of Abandonment mailed December 2, 2002. The Notice of Abandonment indicates that the application is abandoned because no reply was received in response to the Office Action dated February 28, 2002.

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is not in fact abandoned, because a reply to the Office Action was timely-filed within the statutory period for response. In particular, a reply to the Office Action was dispatched by courier on May 29, 2002, and arrived in the mailroom of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on May 30, 2002. Enclosed herewith is a true copy of a date-

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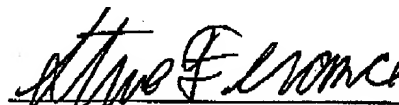
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Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn.

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Respectfully submitted,



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